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ALBAY GOV. JOEY SALCEDA must explain to a disappointed President Macapagal-Arroyo his decision to defect to the camp of Liberal Party (LP) standard-bearer Sen. Benigno

SALCEDA/ A7

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HOLA. From the United States, President Arroyo arrives at the Barajas International Airport in Madrid on Wednesday to receive the Don Quixote de la Mancha Award for promoting the Spanish language in RP. She is expected back in Manila this afternoon.

Election failure to favor GMA

Think tank cites 14 danger signs

By Tony S. Bergonia

A MULTINATIONAL FIRM doing intelligence work for a host of embassies and some of the world's top corporations has said signs that the Philippines' first automated balloting on May 10 would fail are getting clearer as the elections draw closer.

In a paper entitled "Assessing 2010 Election Automation in the Philippines," Pacific Strategies and Assessments (PSA) said it had found 14 danger signs that the elections were bound to run into a wall of problems, or worse, completely fail.

The paper, submitted to PSA clients that include top US officials in Manila, said that the Arroyo administration was doing very little to assure people of fair and honest elections and might even benefit from failed elections.

"The automation project has been a sideshow to the ongoing election [illegible]

ELECTIONS/ A10



WHAT, HE WORRY? Datu Unsay Mayor Andal Ampatuan Jr., primary suspect in the Nov. 23 massacre of 57 people, including 31 media workers, in Maguindanao, yawns in shameless abandon during a routine medical exam on Thursday at the NBI office in Manila before his transfer to Camp Bagong Diwa in Taguig City. (Story on Page A2.)

'Lean' GMA party books 50 rooms in Madrid hotel

By TJ Burgonio

ACCOMPANIED BY WHAT A PALACE official described as "a very lean" delegation, President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday crowned what could be her final foreign trip as the country's leader with meetings in Madrid with Spain's king and president, topped by an award for promoting Spanish in Philippine schools.

Ms Arroyo and her party were reportedly billeted at the luxurious Hotel Ritz Madrid on the last leg of her foreign trip before she heads back to Manila, where she is expected to arrive this afternoon.

Ms Arroyo arrived Wednesday in Madrid for a 28-hour visit after attending an international conference in the United States on curbing the spread of

'LEAN'/ A2

Ricky Razon sells 'Standard' to Martin Romualdez group

By Paolo G. Montecillo

BUSINESSMAN ENRIQUE K. RAZON Jr. is getting out of the newspaper business to focus on industries that have more promise of growth.

Razon, chair of global port giant International Container Terminal Services Inc. (ICTSI), confirmed on Thursday that he had sold his stake in the company that runs broadsheet Manila Standard Today to the group of administration Rep. Martin Romualdez of Leyte.

The newspaper has been a consistent backer of the Arroyo administration.

Romualdez could not be reached for comment. He is part of the delegation

RICKY/ A20

Noynoy, Mar: Jocjoc must be stopped

By Philip C. Tubeza and Felipe V. Celino

ROXAS CITY—TO THE TOP TWO candidates of the Liberal Party, Jocelyn "Jocjoc" Bolante of the fertilizer scam saga stinks to high heavens and must be stopped from becoming gov-

NOY, MAR/ A20

Probe shows 30 'abusive' priests shuffled around globe, also to RP

RIO DE JANEIRO—THERE HE WAS, five decades later, the priest who had raped Joe Callander in Massachusetts. The photo in the Roman Catholic newsletter showed him with a smile across his wrinkled face, near-naked Amazon Indian children in his arms and at his feet.

The Rev. Mario Pezzotti was working with children and supervising other priests in Brazil.

It's not an isolated example.

A priest who admitted to abuse in Los Angeles went to the Philippines, where US Church officials mailed him checks and advised him not to reveal their source.

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Elections 2010

Comelec: No national election results in 48 hours

By Leila B. Salaverria

IN THE AUTOMATED ELECTIONS ON May 10, the mindset is that the winners would be known in a jiffy.

Well, not exactly.

Results will be posted promo in real time as they are spewed out by a computing machine on a website, to be announced later, but these will be from each one of the 76,000 precincts nationwide.

You'll have to do the addition yourself to know what's up.

After saying again and again that the results of the automated election system (AES)—meaning contests outcomes—will be known within 48 hours, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) yesterday said for the first time that in fact this was unlikely to happen.

Comelec spokesperson James Jimenez, speaking at a forum of the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines (Focap), said the poll body was not required to add up the

COMELEC/ A3



OVERPOWERING PEOPLE POWER VETERAN In this series of photos taken by a surveillance camera on April 12, former San Francisco Chronicle photographer Kim Komenich nabs bank robbery suspect Victor Anthony Fernandes at a Wells Fargo branch in San Jose, California. San Jose police say Komenich, 55, who is 6'2" and weighs 260 pounds, grabbed the man and held him in a bear hug for five minutes until officers arrived. Komenich was a photographer for the San Francisco Examiner when he won a Pulitzer Prize in 1987 for coverage of the People Power Revolution in the Philippines that toppled dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

Ateneo profs, staff object to handling of MVP case

By Dexter L. Lacsa

A GROUP THAT INCLUDES FACULTY members of the Ateneo de Manila University has objected to the decision of its board of trustees to reject the offer of tycoon Manuel V. Pangilinan to retire as board chair in connection with charges of plagiarism.

In a letter published online, at least 8[illegible] signatories as of late yesterday morning expressed opposition to the board decision announced on Monday.

The faculty members of the Loyola Schools number 700.

"We, the undersigned faculty, administrators and staff of the Loyola Schools of the Ateneo de Manila University, strongly disagree with the deci-

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INMATES of Camp Bagong Diwa jockey for position to witness the arrival of a celebrated inmate—Andal Ampatuan Jr.

New home for Ampatuan Jr.

MASSACRE SUSPECT ANDAL AMPATUAN JR. WAS YESTERDAY transferred from a National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) cell to the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) prison in Camp Bagong Diwa, Taguig, where he will be held until the resolution of the multiple murder cases against him.

Acting Justice Secretary Alberto Agra, whose office has supervision over the NBI, ordered Andal Jr.'s transfer after the Supreme Court on Tuesday granted state prosecutors' petition to transfer him and all the other accused in the infamous massacre of 57 people in Maguindanao last year.

The high court also granted a justice department petition to transfer the venue of the trial from the Camp Crame police headquarters to Camp Bagong Diwa.

"It's for the safety of the accused, the judges, the court staff as well as the lawyers and all other people securing the accused," Agra explained.

Smiling

Andal Jr., who was with his lawyers, was smiling as he was led out by NBI agents. He shouted to media [illegible]

Andal Jr. rode in a heavily tinted SUV, part of a convoy of at least seven vehicles escorted by heavily armed members of the NBI and the Manila Police District. The convoy included an ambulance. Before leaving the NBI, Ampatuan was given a medical check-up.

Andal Jr. was brought to the Metro Manila District Jail in Camp Bagong Diwa.

Director Roberto Rosales, Metro Manila police commander, said Andal Jr. went through the standard inspection procedure, with jail officers subjecting him to a thorough frisking. He was made to change from his jeans and polo shirt into a yellow inmate shirt and booked by jail officers before being brought to his cell.

Other Ampatuans

In separate commitment orders, Judge Reyes ordered the transfer of some accused members of the Ampatuan clan to the Metro Manila District Jail in Camp Bagong Diwa.

The order covered four Ampatuan family members currently under the custody of the chief of Camp [illegible] in General Santos City: Datu "Puti" Ampatuan, Akmad "Tato" Ampatuan Sr., Sajid Ampatuan and Anwar Ampatuan.

The court also issued a commitment order for the transfer of Andal Ampatuan Sr., the clan patriarch, from Camp Panacan in Davao City, also to Camp Bagong Diwa.

Reyes also committed to the police camp's detention facility 52 other people indicted for the murder of 57 persons, including women, lawyers and journalists on Nov. 23, 2009. The 52 other respondents currently detained at Camp Crame.

Reyes set the arraignment of 14 other accused on April 21 at 9 a.m. in Camp Bagong Diwa.

But the arraignment of the Ampatuan clan members has been deferred pending the resolution of their motions seeking for the holding of the case before the Department of Justice (DOJ).

The arraignment of policemen [illegible] was also deferred for the same reason.

Courtroom trial

Agra said he expects Reyes to hold the hearings in the courtroom below Andal Jr.'s cell, as directed by the high court. He said the DOJ and the Supreme Court have inspected the courtroom, which used to be a [illegible], and found it satisfactory. *Reports from [illegible], Tina G. Santos, Jerome Aning and Julie M. Aurelio, with [illegible]*

Corrections

The Daily Gospel

Comelec to consider defections in NP-NPC merger

By Kristine L. Alave

CURRENT PARTY MEMBERSHIP and party defections will be considered in settling the dispute over dominant minority party status between the Liberal Party (LP) and the Nacionalista Party-Nationalist People's Coalition (NP-NPC), a Commission on Elections (Comelec) official said.

According to Commissioner Rene Sarmiento, the Comelec en banc will factor in the current membership situation in the LP and the NP-NPC coalition in deciding which of them will be declared the dominant minority party in the May 10 elections.

The LP, with Sen. Benigno Aquino III as standard-bearer, and the NP-NPC coalition with Sen. Manuel Villar as its presidential candidate, are asking the Comelec to designate their party as the dominant minority party.

Sarmiento said the defections and resulting new numbers of both parties would be among the variables to be included, noting that the Comelec has a department in charge of doing such evaluations.

The NP and NPC formed a coalition last January. The Comelec approved the merger last month, despite opposition from the LP.

The LP said the NP-NPC partnership was a sham aimed at inflating the number of their members.

Both groups have succeeded in poaching members from the administration Lakas-Kampi-CMD, whose presidential candidate, former Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro, is trailing in the preference surveys.

The LP recently attracted several members of the Lakas-Kampi-CMD, including Albay Gov. Joey Salceda, President Macapagal-Arroyo's economic adviser. Aquino said more administration lawmakers will be joining his party.

The Comelec, in designating the dominant minority party status, looks at the group's track record, incumbent government officials, and the number of their candidates running in the national and local contests.

Sarmiento said the decision could be released sometime next week.



Customs hits back at Shell in tax fight

By Amy R. Remo

THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS (BOC) CASE against Shell in the Court of Tax Appeals (CTA) has stumbled out of the courtroom.

Customs Commissioner Napoleon Morales questioned Wednesday Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp.'s defense of CTA Presiding Justice Ernesto Acosta, saying that it was the magistrate who should answer a motion to inhibit from the case.

In a press statement, Morales said the motion to inhibit was directed at Acosta and not the oil firm.

"The question of whether or not Justice Acosta should inhibit himself from the case is directed at him, not at Shell. It is Justice Acosta who should address the question. Why is Shell defending him?" he said.

A news report on Wednesday said Shell was moving to have Nestor Santiago Jr., presidential assistant on revenue enhancement, and officials of the Bureau of Customs declared in contempt for violating a gag order issued by the CTA in a tax case involving Shell and the BOC.

Gag order

The gag order issued last month barred BOC and Shell officials from discussing the case in the media.

But BOC officials and Santiago held a press conference last week to announce plans to file a motion seeking Acosta's inhibition from the case since the magistrate was employed by Shell from 1971 to 1981.

Citing the rules of the Supreme Court, Shell counsel John Maloonan said said that even justices of the high tribunal were not required to inhibit in cases where a relationship with litigants had been terminated for at least 10 years. In this case, Shell's relationship with Acosta ended almost 30 years ago.

In the BOC statement, Santiago pointed out that the New Code of Judicial Conduct for the Philippine Judiciary, which took effect on June 1, 2004, mandates that judges disqualify themselves from proceedings in which it may appear to a reasonable observer that they are unable to decide the matter at hand impartially.

Interpol backs RP campaign vs human smuggling

SIX IMMIGRATION OFFICERS at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) have been tapped to undergo a special training program administered by the Interpol to bolster the immigration bureau's capability to fight human smuggling in the airports.

Immigration-Interpol unit chief Floro Balato Jr., in a report to Immigration Commissioner Marcelino Libanan, said six members of the bureau's migration compliance and monitoring group (MCMG) at the Naia are taking part in the training program that started last April 12 in Camp Crame, Quezon City.

Dubbed as the Dismantling Smuggling Networks (DSN), the scheme aims to improve the knowledge and capability of immigration officers and other Philippine law enforcers in combating and crippling the syndicates involved in human smuggling, human trafficking and other transnational crimes.

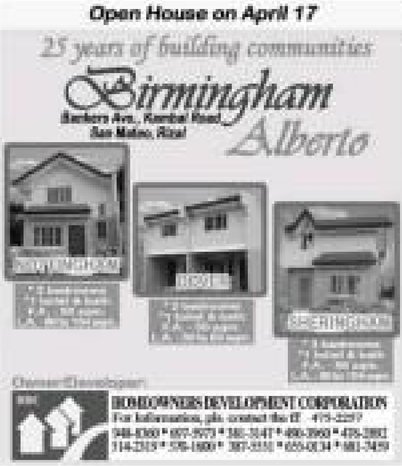
Balato, in a press statement, said a training staff from the Interpol general secretariat in Lyon, France arrived in Manila to conduct the training for the immigration officers and other selected participants from other Philippine law enforcement agencies.

Libanan welcomed the Interpol project as a giant leap in the global campaign to stop people smuggling and illegal migration.

"This project deserves the support of governments throughout the world," Libanan said.

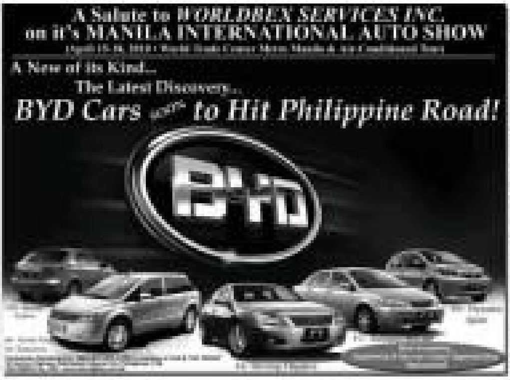








BEATING THE TAX DEADLINE A police officer joins other taxpayers in the rush to beat the deadline for the filing of income tax returns at the Bureau of Internal Revenue branch on Quezon Avenue in Quezon City. Yesterday was the deadline.



PLDT Fund sells stake in MPIC for ₱4.2 billion

By Paolo Montecillo and Doris Dumlao

THE EMPLOYEE retirement fund of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT), known as a Beneficial Trust Fund (BTF), has sold part of its stake to local infrastructure firm Metro Pacific Investments Corp. (MPIC), for $94 million or P4.2 billion.

Several wire agencies reporting from Hong Kong yesterday said MPIC block sold by BTF was taken up by a group of local and foreign investors who acquired shares through a book-building process arranged by investment firm CLSA.

Good demand

Both chaired by local businessman Manuel V. Pangilinan, PLDT and MPIC are controlled by Hong Kong-based First Pacific Co. Ltd.

The shares were auctioned to the open market and there was good demand, dealers said. The sale gave BTF which holds several key assets for the PLDT group, fresh liquidity to pursue other ventures.

The sale brings down BTF's stake in MPIC to about 9 percent from nearly 14 percent before.

The shares were sold at P3 per share or at par with the follow-on public offering of shares by Metro Pacific last year, said one brokerage house that acquired some of the shares.

Fresh supply

MPIC shares were down by 3.2 percent yesterday to P3 per share as investors sold down their stake on news of the block sale by PLDT Beneficial Trust.

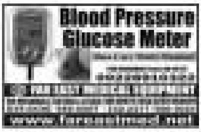
"They know that fresh supply is coming in so they sold down their existing shares," one dealer said.

BTF holds several key assets for the PLDT group. BTF's wholly owned subsidiary, MediaQuest, holds the group's interest in Associated Broadcasting Co., operator of television station TV5, among several other media assets.

Meralco

BTF was also the vehicle used by the PLDT group to accumulate shares in Manila Electric Co. (Meralco), the country's largest power distributor. Together with fellow affiliate MPIC, BTF acquired shares in Meralco to keep it from falling into the hands of the group's corporate rival, diversified conglomerate San Miguel Corp.

San Miguel is tasked to use Meralco's extensive network of power lines as a backup for its foray into the country's lucrative telecommunications market, which would have endangered PLDT's position as the Philippines' leading phone firm.





Salceda told: Wait till your mother gets home

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Ople fears job losses with European ban on RP airlines



Court to try again to move Morong 43

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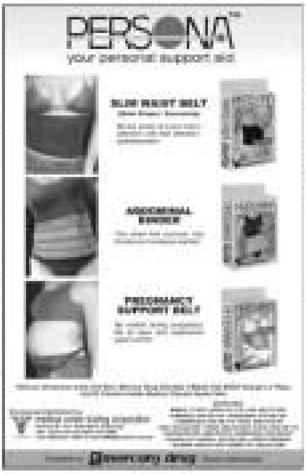
Another justice pulls out of running for top SC post



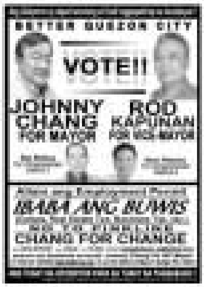






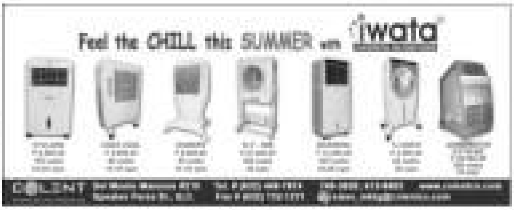














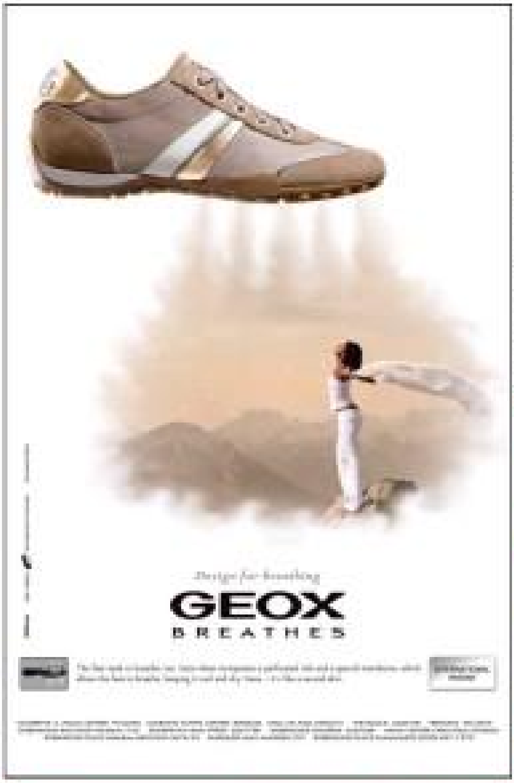






Defections not as bad as expected–Lakas

Nograles just confused, says spokesman



LP political rejects went to NP–Noynoy



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Across the NATION

Palace says no to Basilan martial law

Defense, security execs see new Abu Sayyaf role as private armed group

MALACAÑANG YESTERDAY SAID IT SAW NO need to declare martial law in Basilan following terror attacks that killed at least 15 people on Wednesday in the province's capital, Isabela.

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'Politics and terrorism are enmeshed in Basilan…'



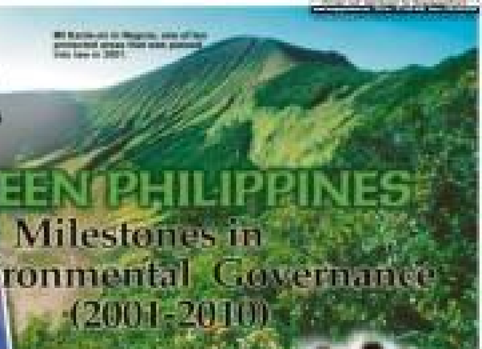
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In Kalinga, main worry is over satellite signals

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The state of the environment plays a critical role in the pace and sustainability of the country's development. A clean and a healthy environment (air, water and land) contribute to a healthy workforce and productive natural resources. A productive natural resources, on the other hand, provides food, medicine and other basic necessities to our people, raw materials to our industries and investment opportunities in tourism and other ecological and cultural activities.

Against this backdrop, the environment is one of the 3E's priority of Government – Economy, Education and Environment.



Mt Kanlaon in Negros, one of the protected areas that was declared into law in 2001.

GREEN PHILIPPINES

Milestones in Environmental Governance (2001-2010)

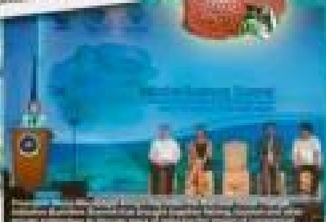


DENR Secretary Horacio Ramos signs the Memorandum of Agreement ... President Arroyo witnesses the signing.





President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo together with Cebu ... plants a tree during the launch ... in Cebu City.



President ... Coral Triangle ...

FORESTRY

From 2001-2009, the DENR has reforested a total of 242,654 hectares, more than three times the size of Singapore. This increased the country's forest cover to 24% of the total land area.

Last year, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo allocated P1.5 billion for reforestation, the biggest single year allocation from regular budget in the history of forestry. As a result, a total of 48,400 hectares were planted, which generated an estimated 48,392 jobs.

Since 2001, the government has confiscated 168,745 cubic meters of illegally-cut forest products (equivalent to about 6,750 ten-wheeler trucks) and filed 1,894 cases in courts.

SANCTUARIES AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

While the Philippines is known worldwide for its richness in biological and genetic resources, it is also one of the world's hotspots for biodiversity loss. The Arroyo administration has taken strides in ensuring the protection of the country's biodiversity through the establishment of 28 protected areas, covering one million hectares since 2001. The country now has 106 protected areas covering 3.46 million hectares or 11.5% of the country's total land area.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources' wildlife protection efforts include the increase in the population of the Philippine Tamaraw, an endangered species, from 239 in 2007 to 274 in 2008. In 1990, only 20 cockatoos were reported observed in the wild, but as of 2009, about 300 cockatoos were recorded.

Since 2001, at least 29 new species of plants and animals were discovered in the Philippines; new species of bats, parrots, mice, rats, frogs, a giant golden-spotted monitor lizard, and rafflesia. These were discovered in the mountains of Cagayan, Camiguin, Cordillera, Quezon, Palawan, Mindoro, etc.

Policy reforms were likewise pursued by the Arroyo administration to complement on-the-ground rehabilitation efforts, which included Republic Act (RA) No. 9072, in 2001, to manage and protect caves and cave resources; R.A. No. 9147 or the Wildlife Act, in 2001, to conserve and protect wildlife resources and their habitats; R.A. No. 9331, in 2004, to prohibit the cutting and destruction of plants and growing trees.

In addition, ten Protected Areas were passed into laws, such as Mt. Apo in Davao, Central Cebu, Tañon Marine Reserve in Negros, Northern Sierra Madre, Mt. Kanlaon in Negros, Mt. Banahaw-San Cristobal in Quezon, Mimbilisan in Misamis Oriental, Mt. Malindang in Misamis Occidental, Mt. Hamiguitan Range in Davao Oriental and Tubbataha Reefs in Palawan.

The Philippines signed and actively participated in the protection and sustainable management of the Coral Triangle, with Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste. The protection of the whale shark was intensified with the issuance of the Executive Order No. 282 on March 16, 2010, which provided for the mapping of the migratory pathways, mandatory rescue and intensified investigation and prosecution.

The President also adopted the country's coastal and marine environment and resources through Executive Order No. 533, in 2006.

In recognition of the leading role of the Philippines on biodiversity conservation, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) established the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) in the Philippines in 2005, the first regional centre of its kind in the world.

CLEAN ENERGY

Majority of greenhouse gases emitted in the Philippines come from the energy sector. This is due to the carbon dioxide emitted by power plants using fossil fuels (e.g., oil and coal). The government, therefore, accelerated the shift to renewable energy sources such as wind, water, geothermal, solar etc.

Republic Act No. 9513 or the Renewable Act was passed in 2008 to promote investments and use of renewable sources in energy generation. The law is the first and most comprehensive renewable energy law in Southeast Asia.

ENVIRONMENT

Air. There has been a steady improvement in the air quality in Metro Manila. Total suspended particulates or the amount of dust particles in the air has declined from 182 micrograms/normal cubic meter in 2003 to 134 micrograms/normal cubic meter in 2009.

Water. There have been some improvements in the water quality of major rivers, such as Marikina River, Bocaue River, and San Juan River. Their Biochemical Oxygen Demand or BOD (amount of oxygen necessary to sustain aquatic life) has improved the past six years.

Pasig River is now undergoing comprehensive dredging that will remove 2.83 million cubic meters (equivalent to 24.4 million drums) of silt and debris and will increase the average water elevation from 12.8 feet to 18.2 feet. The dredging will be completed by October this year.

A milestone in the fight against water pollution was the passage of the Philippine Clean Water Act in 2004. The law provides for a comprehensive strategy and measures focusing on sanitation and sewerage to clean the wastewater coming from households and industries.

Solid Wastes. The first law signed in 2001 is Republic Act No. 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act. The law mandated the proper and ecological way of managing our solid wastes.

A total of 6,150 Materials Recovery Facilities covering 7,000 barangays nationwide were established, compared to only 434 in 2001. There are now 20 sanitary landfills all over the country and another 47 under construction, compared to two sanitary landfills in 2001.

Climate Change. To provide focus on climate change initiatives, Republic Act No. 9729 or the Climate Change Act of 2009 was enacted. The law mandated the protection of the climate system, stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations, and strengthening the country's resilience to climate change-related disasters, among others. The law also created the Climate Change Commission to coordinate, monitor and evaluate policies and programs of government on climate change.

Since the Philippines participated in the international carbon trading through the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects in 2005, there are now 40 projects approved and registered with the United Nations, making the Philippines ranked 8th in the world in terms of the number of CDM projects.

The past nine years, the government has aggressively pursued the geo-hazard mapping of the Philippines to identify areas prone to landslides, flooding and erosion. The geo-hazard assessment of 91% of all cities and municipalities (1,460 cities/municipalities) has been completed together with the production of 835 geo-hazard maps, covering 86% of the country. The geo-hazard assessment of the entire country will be completed this year.



President Arroyo inspects the ... Mineral Resources Facility ...

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

The environment is not only the concern of government. The concerted effort of all is necessary to protect our environment and safeguard our natural resources. In addition, there is a need to change our habits toward a more environment-friendly lifestyle to sustain a clean and healthy environment. In this regard, Republic Act No. 9512 or the Environmental Awareness and Education Act in 2009 was enacted, to integrate the environment in school curriculum in order to promote environmental awareness and effect changes in attitudes and behavior.

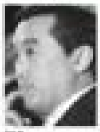


The dredging ... Pasig River ... Metro Manila ...

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BASED ON NURSES' COMPLAINT

5 QCPD mobile cops relieved

By Marcy C. Carvajal

FROM MOBILE TO FOOT PAtrol.

Five policemen assigned at the Mobile Unit of the Quezon City Police District (QCPD) have been barred from using police patrol cars after three nurses accused them of extortion.

Saying that "the use of a patrol car comes with responsibilities," Chief Insp. [illegible] de la Cruz, head of the QCPD mobile unit, said that the policemen are "temporarily barred from boarding [a] patrol vehicle while an investigation of the charges against them is going on."

A report of the QCPD Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit (CIDU) identified the five as [illegible].

It said the complainants were three nurses who accused the policemen of framing them and then demanding P[illegible] in exchange for letting them go.

The nurses told CIDU investigators that they drove to the Quezon City Memorial Circle at around [illegible] p.m. on Monday to look for a [illegible] where they could hire to perform at a friend's bridal shower.

They said they were talking to a man standing near a fence when the latter suddenly got into their vehicle.

"As if on cue, policemen on board a patrol car suddenly showed up and told [us] that [we] were under arrest for engaging in prostitution," the nurses added in their complaint.

They said the policemen demanded money from them, threatened to arrest them and release the police report to the media should they refuse.

They were finally allowed to go after they pooled their money together and gave the P[illegible] the police were demanding from them, the nurses added.

De la Cruz said the five policemen had denied the complainants' accusation against them.



POLICE examine the car of the victim, [illegible], at the parking lot of a funeral home in Quezon City.

Manila school exec shot dead in QC

By [illegible]
Contributor

A [illegible]-YEAR-OLD SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR who had just come from a relative's wake was shot and killed in the parking lot of [illegible] in Quezon City on Wednesday evening, the police said yesterday.

Chief Insp. [illegible], Quezon City Police District homicide section head, identified the fatality as [illegible]. Among

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Independent election watchdog educates SJ voters

Cops eye 2002 case in doctor's killing

US officials: Iran could be a year away from bomb

Illegals may face new curbs in Arizona



Ash from Iceland volcano disrupts European flights

Thai official suggests changes in monarchy

Civilian rape skyrockets in Congo's east, says study



S. Korea raises stern of sunken warship; many bodies found



The WORLD

Editor Lorenzo B. Ocenio

China quake toll tops 600

Rescuers use shovels, hands to dig through rubble

XINING, CHINA—RESCUERS with shovels and bare hands clawed through rubble Thursday to hunt for survivors of a quake in a remote area of China which killed over 600 people and left thousands homeless.

A huge relief effort was under way to send vital aid such as tents and medical supplies to the disaster zone, where doctors set up makeshift hospitals and rescuers battled freezing cold weather and a lack of oxygen. [illegible]

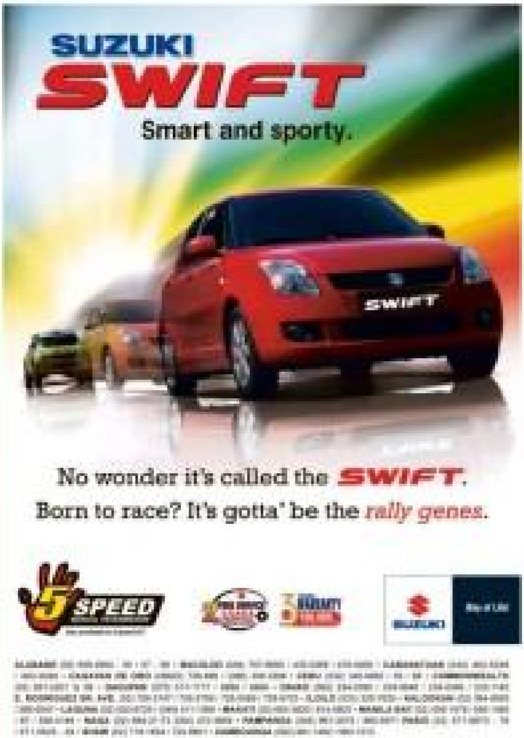
Thousands spent the night without shelter in freezing temperatures after the 6.9-magnitude quake, which hit Yushu county in northwestern Qinghai province on Wednesday, destroying almost all the houses in Jiegu, the local capital. [illegible]

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SURVIVORS emerge on April 14 in an open area, surrounded by collapsed buildings, after an earthquake at Jiegu township in Yushu county, western China's Qinghai province. [illegible]

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Maternal deaths decline worldwide

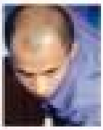
FOR THE FIRST time in decades, researchers are reporting a significant drop worldwide in the number of women dying each year from pregnancy and childbirth, [illegible]

The findings, published in the medical journal The Lancet, [illegible]

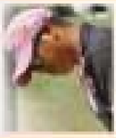
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Gomez, Orcollo to AG

More gold bets eyed for Guangzhou meet



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Nadal's Monte Carlo run continues



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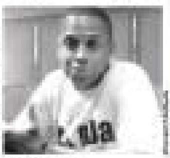
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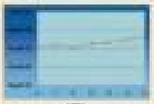
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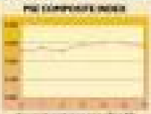
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Shares closed down

By Michelle V. Remo

In March alone, foreign portfolio investments rose 138% to $76M

NET INFLOW OF FOREIGN portfolio investments into the Philippines grew by 602 percent in the first quarter, reaching $384.75 million from $54.78 million in the same period last year, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas reported yesterday.

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Foreign trade groups offer to train RP students

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Shares ...

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Foreign trade groups offer to train RP students

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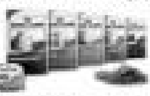
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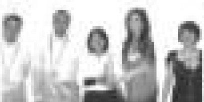
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The more kids watch, the more kids buy



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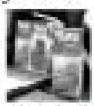
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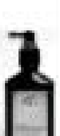


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How are latecomer brands able to succeed

MARKETING Rx
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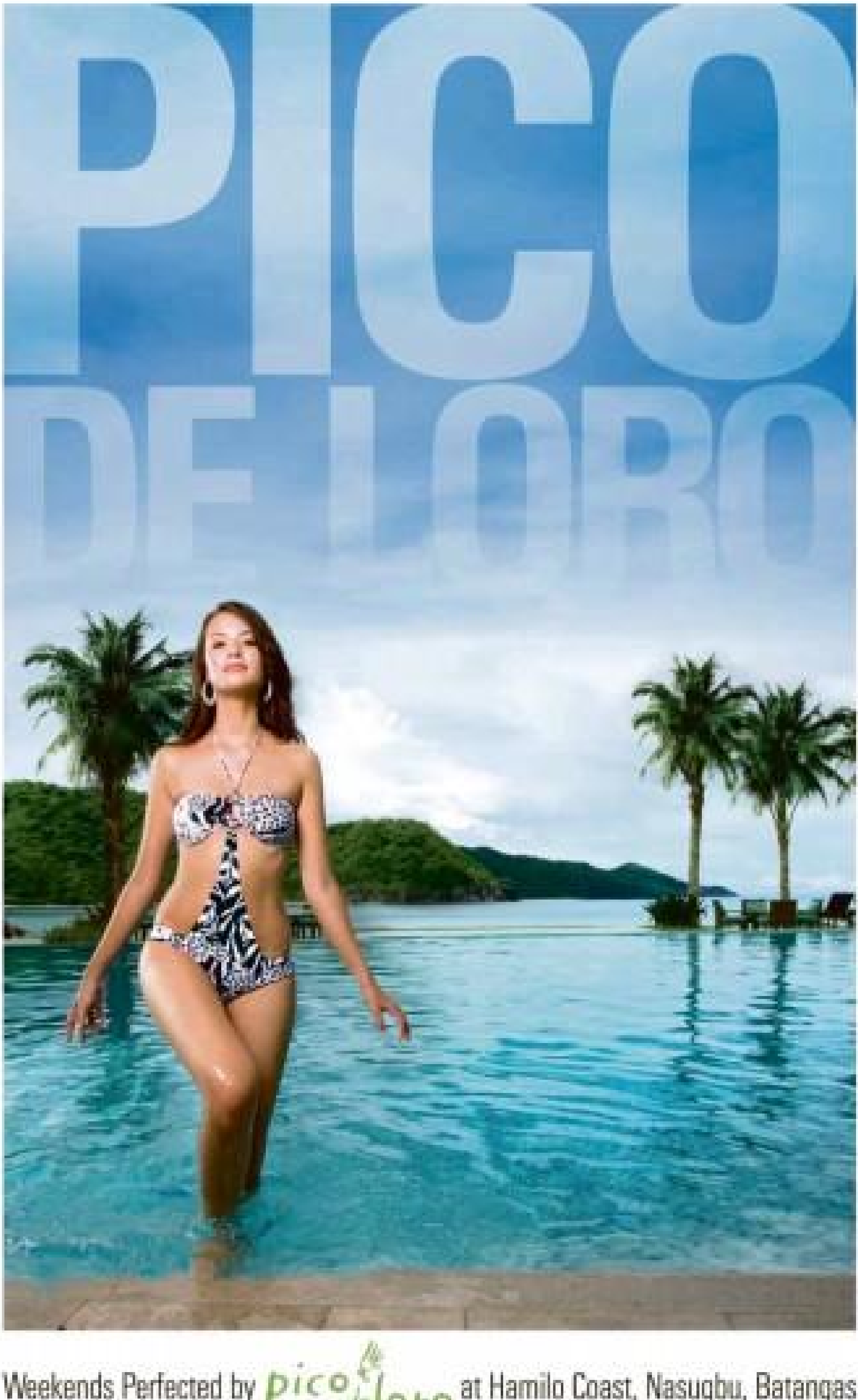
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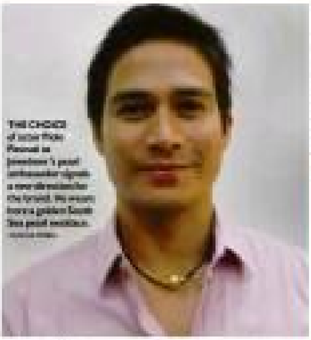
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Piolo Pascual adds luster to luxury pearl brand

Jewelmer breaks out of the mold by making the Philippines' top matinee idol its brand ambassador



THE CHOICE of actor Piolo Pascual as Jewelmer's pearl ambassador signals a new direction for the brand. He wears here a golden South Sea pearl necklace.

By Cherie Y. Moral

YOU'D NEVER GUESS it. Jewelmer's newest brand ambassador is Piolo Pascual.

The homegrown luxury jewelry brand has been synonymous to beautiful women who have worn its precious golden South Sea pearls in past campaigns, such as model-actress-TV host Angel Aquino and [illegible].

Careful not to divulge details of the brand's new direction, Jacques Christophe Branellec simply said the matinee idol fits the image of the brand; Pascual's environment efforts and community projects are in sync with Jewelmer's.

"He's the ideal pearl ambassador," Branellec said. The young man, who joined the company's marketing team only last August, is the son of the managing director, his namesake, who co-founded Jewelmer 30 years ago. "Like us, Piolo sponsors kids in school. He also has his own green projects." The actor is Branellec's friend.

At the opening of Jewelmer's 11th store in Ayala Marquee, Angeles City, this week, only its second outside Metro Manila, Pascual wore a golden pearl pendant suspended from a black silk cord around his neck. It was a gift from Jewelmer when he represented the country at the Cannes Film Festival. He has been wearing it quite a lot since, he said.

Branellec himself wears a similar necklace, or [illegible] a bold stud on his ear.

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[illegible] des Poètes earrings with golden Palawan South Sea pearls with diamonds in 18k gold, from the Spring 2010 collection



JACQUES-Christophe Branellec, Jewelmer scion, at the opening of the brand's 11th store in Pampanga: "We feel the pearl has a lot of qualities and virtues seen in the Filipino spirit... so we want Filipinos to own that pearl before we bring it overseas."





The Hottest Sale of the Seas

Summer Fashion and More Only at SM Mall of A

Big! Big! Sale of Asia begins today!

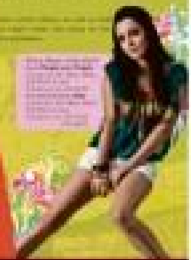






Key Fashion Trends for Summer 2010











Piolo Pascual adds luster to luxury . . .



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Summer fling

I'VE BEEN GETTING A LOT OF mail because it's summer! Aside from the scorching heat, people themselves want to sizzle. Here are some questions that hopefully will be helpful to most.

What new item should I buy for summer?

Aside from SPF, which you should use everyday even when it's not summer, you may check out Chanel's spring/summer collection. Personally, I think they have the best pieces that will help you welcome this heat. From their polish that you can share with your friends and mom, to their lippies, you will find something suited to your taste.

My personal fave is their lip shine in [illegible]. Buy just one item and it will instantly transform your look to be summer ready.

I need a makeover badly. What should I get?

Try chopping off your hair if you are game anyway, it's too hot. If that is something too far out, highlight!

Highlights are something you can try with. [illegible]

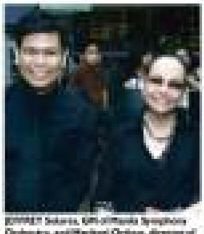
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Ria Francisco-Prieto

















Awesome musical journey at 'Bravo Filipino'

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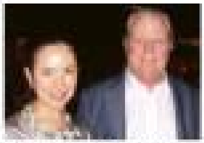
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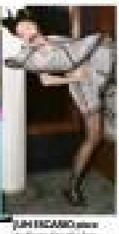
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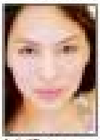




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Enjoy sand and sea—without the sunburn







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Summer Fling





LifeStyle Fashion & Beauty

Monday's 'Face Off' will be a night of many firsts

Samsung will launch its 3D LED TV and display the marriage of technology and fashion design on the runway

A REALLY INTERESTING STORY is happening on Monday, April 19, when Inquirer Lifestyle and Samsung hold what is this year's fashion opener in the country—"Face Off" at Marriott Hotel Manila at New Port City in Pasay.

Monday will be a night of many firsts.

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MONDAY'S/E4

Ivar versus Joey





Contemporaries and supposed rivals, the two designers headline this year's "Face Off," with Patrice Ramos-Diaz and the venerable Auggie Cordero



Feminine side

Auggie launches shoe line; Patrice boldly innovates—with 'piña' and wool





AUGGIE CORDERO

Mature market





In an exciting time in their lives, they're working with industries the country badly needs

Anxieties

PATRICE RAMOS-DIAZ

Watch 3D TV at the touch of a button

AS 3D IMAGE IS BECOMING THE CENTER of public interest with James Cameron's mega-hit, "Avatar," 3D technology is spreading not only to TV, mobile phones, PMP and other multimedia devices but also to movies, broadcasting, games and other content industries.

On the frontline of the 3D technology is 3D TV. Samsung Electronics has unveiled the world's first full HD 3D LED TV last month, to be followed by LG this month, Panasonic in April and Sony in June.

However, the development of 3D contents is not catching up with these global TV manufacturers.

Broadcasting, Blu-ray player, PC and USB memory can be used to view 3D contents on 3D TV, but 3D TV contents are still not as prevalent compared to those in the cinema.

According to an Internet survey conducted by the HBTV and HTPC user group from March 11-17, 69 percent of the respondents intend to purchase 3D TVs, and most of them agree a shortage of 3D TV contents is the biggest obstacle.

As 3D contents are still dominant, a way to resolve the 3D TV content shortage has been found, allowing users to view both 2D and 3D images. This is called 2D to 3D conversion.

Samsung's 3D LED TV has a "2D to 3D conversion" function to give 3D effects to 2D images with one remote control button.

2D to 3D conversion is a technology that estimates depth maps by analyzing the perspective of each object based on the focus level of 2D images, creating binocular stereoscopic images based on the depth information.

The technology consists of four steps: pre-processing of images, depth information estimation, post-processing of depth information, and binocular stereoscopic image creation.



SAMSUNG Full HD 3D LED TV

What determines the performance of 2D to 3D conversion is the depth information estimation technology developed by Samsung Electronics.

The technology extracts optimal depth information from 2D images by combining temporal and spatial analysis of pixels information.

In addition, it groups input images into up to 500 million cases and extracts depth information by pixel. Also, the technology automatically detects the areas viewers closely watch to provide more natural 3D effects in real time.

Compared to the previous technology which creates 3D effects based on the upper and lower locations of the screen, the new technology is capable of providing more vivid and natural 3D effects.

This technology can be applied to all kinds of 2D images, even though the degree of 3D effects may differ depending on image characteristics.

Furthermore, 2D images can be converted to 3D images almost in real time with the sophisticated 2D to 3D conversion chip set.

Users can also adjust the degree of 3D effects according to their preference. They can select optimized 3D effects as easily as adjusting the TV volume, so they experience almost no dizziness when viewing 3D images for the first time or even for long hours.

Samsung Electronics has invested tens of billions of won and hundreds of people in developing its 2D to 3D conversion technology for almost a decade, and has applied for scores of international patents.

Which, a magazine published by the most trusted consumer organization in the UK, has provided a special report covering 3D effects, image quality, features and design of Samsung Full HD 3D LED TV 7000 series, drawing keen interest from many consumers.

The magazine praised Samsung Full HD 3D LED TV for its outstanding 2D to 3D conversion feature and the resulting 3D quality.

Samsung is the world's first company to apply the 2D to 3D conversion technology to commercial models.

Ivar versus Joey

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Friendship

Auggie launches shoe line . . .

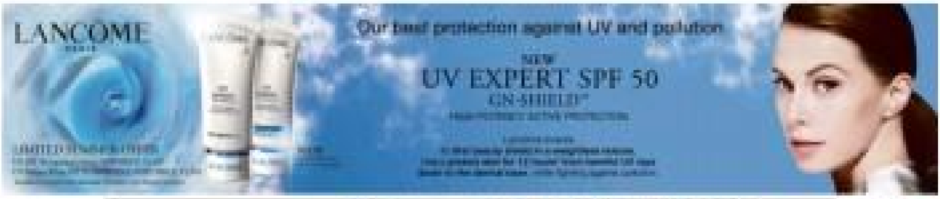
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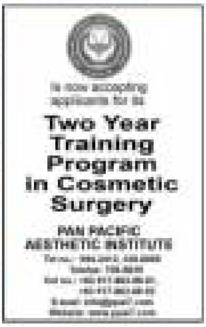


LIFESTYLE TAPS THE SEASON'S new mood with culture-spanning prints, shot against the breathtaking backdrop of heritage homes at Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar in Bataan

CULTURE VULTURE

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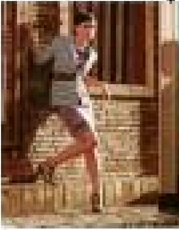


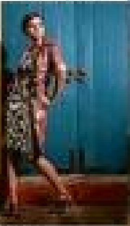






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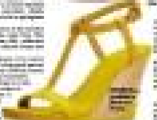






Bags inspired by Spring



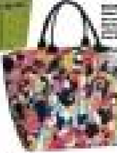






Arm candies







TAILRUNNERS: The Metro Dog Run 2010 at SM









Manila stop for international high-jewelry collection

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Newly refurbished shopping hub

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HEIDI Klum wearing Jimmy Choo Quinn shoes, from the Spring-Summer 2010 Collection, at the 2010 Grammy Awards



RIHANNA wearing Jimmy Choo Lance Shoes, from the Choo 24:7 Collection, at the 2010 Grammy Awards

Stars wear Choos

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MADONNA carrying a Jimmy Choo Mylie M in Leopard Print Handbag from the Spring-Summer 2010 Collection



CINDY Crawford wearing Jimmy Choo Shoes from the Choo 24:7 Collection

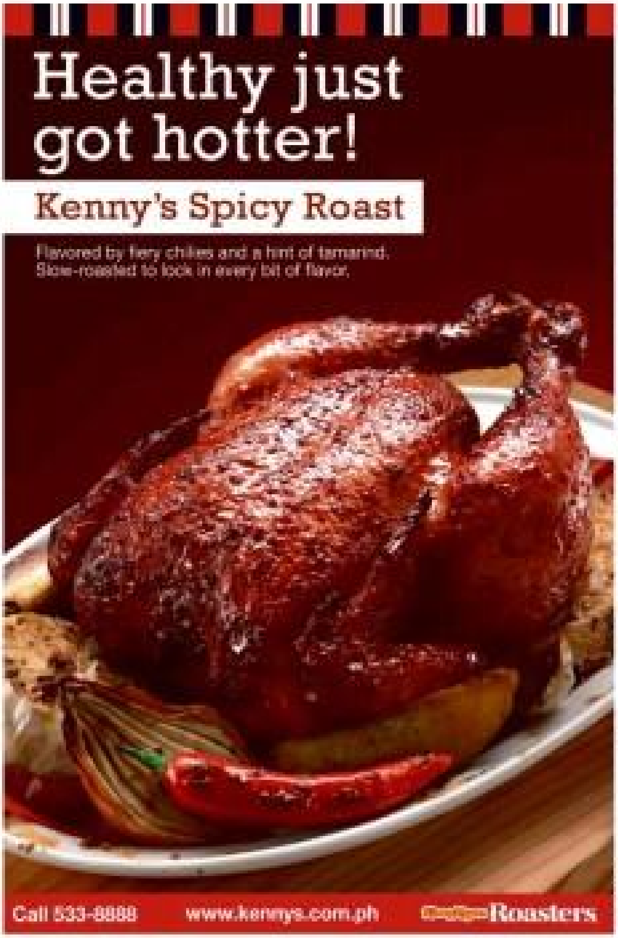
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TAMARA Mellon with actress Brooke Shields at the Choo 24:7 New York launch at Saks



HEIDI Klum carrying the ... Jimmy Choo ... from the Spring-Summer 2010 Collection



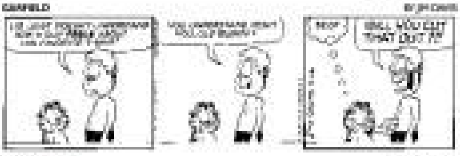
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Stars dress up or down in London brand



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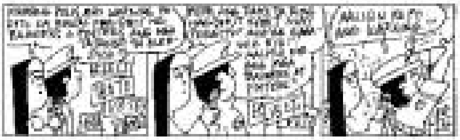


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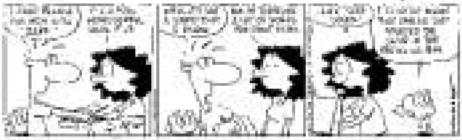
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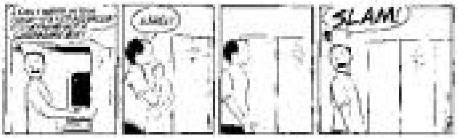
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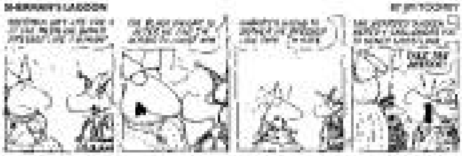




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SHERMAN'S LAGOON



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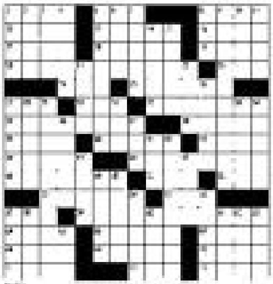
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Filipinas go for 'mukbang mabango' guys

Random survey of working women says looking clean isn't enough



Try on an Anne Curtis scent





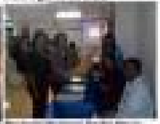




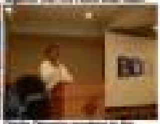




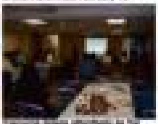




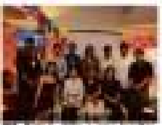













ALEXA Chung in Burberry at the Burberry Prorsum Spring-Summer 2010 Show in London


KEIRA Knightley in Burberry trench coat, "The Little Dog that Barked" after-party in London


NAOMI Watts in Burberry trench coat, opening night of "A View from The Bridge" on Broadway


MAGGIE Cheung in Burberry at the Burberry Prorsum Spring-Summer 2010 Show


BLAKE Lively wears Burberry in New York.

Stars dress up or down in London brand


HA YEUNG Lee in Burberry at the Burberry Prorsum Spring-Summer 2010 Womenswear Show.


SAM Worthington wears Burberry to the Annual Directors Guild of America Awards in LA.

Celebrities go for the sleek, chic and timeless designs of Burberry

BURBERRY SPRING-SUMMER 2010 COLlection is out. More and more famous faces and celebrities go for the sleek, chic and timeless designs of Burberry.

Dress like your favorite "Gossip Girl," Blake Lively, who was seen dressed down for a casual stroll in New York City wearing a Burberry jacket.

Keira Knightley wore a black Burberry trench coat to "The Little Dog that Barked" after-party in London, proving one could never go wrong with a classic and chic black ensemble.

Naomi Watts went bold and stunning in her metallic Burberry trench coat during the opening night of "A View From The Bridge" on Broadway.

"Avatar" co-star Sam Worthington donned a Burberry suit at the Annual Directors Guild of America Awards in LA.

During the recent Burberry Prorsum Spring-Summer 2010 show, fashion mavens and celebrities from across the globe gathered to preview the latest from the label.

English star Alexa Chung was dressed in a trademark Burberry look, draping her little black dress over a beige Burberry trench.

Chinese star Maggie Cheung showed off her ageless beauty with a gray Burberry coat and sophisticated black dress.

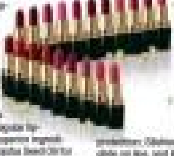
Korea's up-and-coming actress Ha Yeung Lee matched her stylish dress with a black Burberry trench coat cinched at the waist.

In the Philippines, Burberry is exclusively distributed by Stores Specialists Inc. (SSI) and is located at Greenbelt 4, Rustan's Department Store Makati and Shangri-La Plaza Mall.

Bea Alonzo is lipstick model

Vanity Basket

COLOUR COLLECTION, THE COSMETICS line of top direct-selling company Tupperware Brands Philippines, has announced that Bea Alonzo is the celebrity endorser of its Moisture Intense Lipstick.





The new Moisture Intense Lipstick provides lips with intense moisture as it contains 6x more moisturizers than regular lipsticks. It is packed with superior ingredients that pamper lips: Jojoba Seed Oil for softer, more conditioned lips; Shea Butter for overnight hydration; Vitamin E for antioxidant protection; Glabrous 1-11 for richer, smoother glide on lips, and Bio-Repair System for soothing dry, chapped lips. It also contains SPF 15 to protect lips from sun's damaging UV rays.

Ultimate lipstick fantasy

Revlon ColorStay Ultimate Liquid Lipstick that has a long-wearing formula that does not require any topcoat, and stays vibrant and comfortable for up to 12 hours. And it's transfer-proof! That means you can eat and drink without feeling worry about whether your lipstick has worn off. Revlon ColorStay Ultimate Liquid Lipstick is available in 12 color shades for P825 at leading department stores and retail outlets nationwide.





Do-it-yourself hair removal

Veet hair removal products are dermatologically tested, with skin type-sensitive variants for normal, dry and sensitive skin types.

Veet Hair Removal Cream comes in three variants: Normal (pink) with lotus milk and jasmine that is suitable for skin that is moist, smooth and supple; Dry (green) with shea butter and lily is recommended for poorly hydrated skin; and Sensitive (blue) with aloe vera and Vitamin E, is suitable for skin prone to irritation.

Applied directly on the skin using Veet's Perfect Touch Spatula, the cream dissolves the hair at the shaft and hair is removed, leaving the skin free of unsightly regrowth hair or the cuts and nicks produced by shaving.

Veet Cold Wax Strips Legs are more convenient than do-it-yourself hot wax methods because the wax stays on the strip, doesn't burn, and leaves less wax residue on the skin. It can also remove hair as short as 2mm—no need to wait for hair to grow to ¼-inch. Meanwhile, Veet ColdWax Strips Face is perfect for small, hard to reach areas like eyebrows, upper lip and armpits.

In the Philippines, Veet is marketed by Reckitt Benckiser Healthcare (Phils.), Inc. It's available in supermarkets, drugstores and personal care stores nationwide.



New Avon shampoo

Avon Naturals Shampoo (Black Shine 2-in-1 shampoo and conditioner with black sesame and Ginseng) for black hair will be available starting today through Avon Ladies nationwide. Call Avon Customer Hotline at 8042800 or log on to www.avon.com.ph. The product is priced at P139.





Whiter, younger-looking skin

Hype-Ardent Gluta-C Intense Whitening and Anti-aging skincare products are specially formulated with Glutathione, Vitamin C and Alpha Lipoic Acid, powerful skin-whitening antioxidants that intensely whiten and prevent premature skin aging.

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Delightful bag lives up to its name

















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Louis Vuitton's newest is sleek and accessible; for men, it's all about 'bleisure'







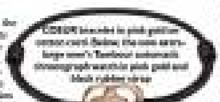


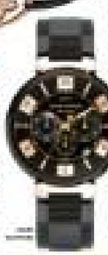


MOVE OVER, NEVERFULL. Delightful is in the house.

Craftsmanship

Casual to chic





On the upswing






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POWER COUPLE Cathy and Mike Huang


MAKATI ROYALS Zobel family—[illegible]

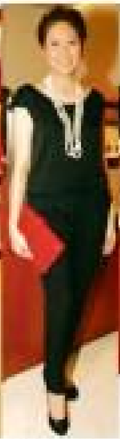
Iconic dressing for an iconic brand


COOL VOILE POUF—[illegible]

By [illegible]

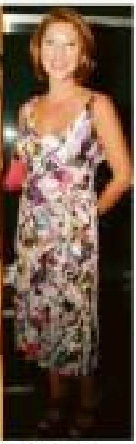
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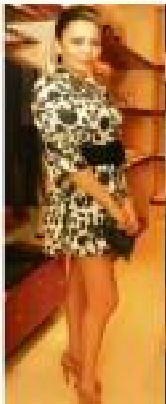

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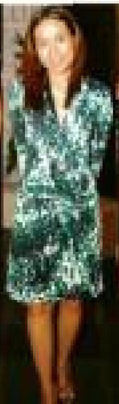

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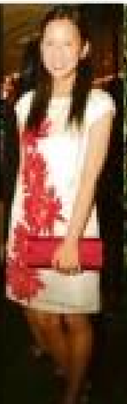

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DUSTY FLORALS—[illegible]


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IMPRESSIONIST WRAP DRESS—[illegible]


HAND-PAINTED PANEL—[illegible]


SLIM SHEATH—[illegible]


MINI BIRKIN—[illegible]


METALLIC BUBBLE—[illegible]

New 3-in-1 formula repairs damaged hair

[illegible]





Sultry summer nights

SM'S COLLECTION OF AFTER-SIX dresses are playful and posh. They come with a lot of flounces, bows, and drape in a whirl of colors—teal, coral, pink and purple.

The collection is available at the [illegible] of selected premiere SM Department Stores.

ELEGANT purple [illegible] dress with [illegible] flower detailing on the skirt

PLAYFUL [illegible] dress with short swingy skirt

CORAL [illegible] dress

STUDIO [illegible] one-shouldered [illegible] dress with bow accent and tiered skirt



Urban, cosmopolitan wear

THE FORUM RECENTLY PRESENTED the Spring/Summer Collection of its [illegible] stores in a fashion show at the mall-atrium.

The theme was "Cosmopolitan Urban Stories," focusing on contemporary clothes, mostly in black and white, with minimalist designs.

The show was divided into three segments that celebrated the best of summer: Sand, Street, and Smoke.

Sand featured casual clothes from [illegible], as well as accessories from [illegible].

Street exuded evening glamour with clothes from [illegible]. These were complemented with accessories from [illegible] and shoes from CMG.

Smoke celebrated the party and club scene, presenting hip, youthful pieces from [illegible], Topshop, Dorothy Perkins, [illegible], The Ramp Crossings. Accessories from [illegible] and shoes from [illegible] and The Ramp were also featured.

The Australian College of Hair Design sponsored the hair and makeup, while [illegible] provided the cocktails.



DRESS by Topshop and belt by The Ramp at Crossings



DRESS by [illegible], shades by [illegible], shoes by [illegible] and accessories by [illegible]



EVENING glamour from [illegible] and CMG

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

LIVING Stars





Off with her weight!

In short, no comment

Overheard



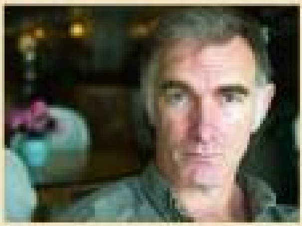
STEF PRESCOTT



Raquel Welch reaches 'Beyond the Cleavage'

Reuters





DIRECTOR'S BOOK ON RP

There's Shaun-thing about Harry





Professional musicians open

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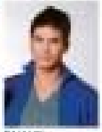


Inquisitive golfer

OVERHEARD

BROADCASTER ARNOLD CLAVIO SELdom has time for his sport, golf. But the ever-inquisitive Clavio reveals he's still hard at work even on the fairways. "You can get scoops from talking to the caddies and helpers on the course. Sometimes you see politicians playing with women other than their wives." Uh-oh.


ANNE Curtis

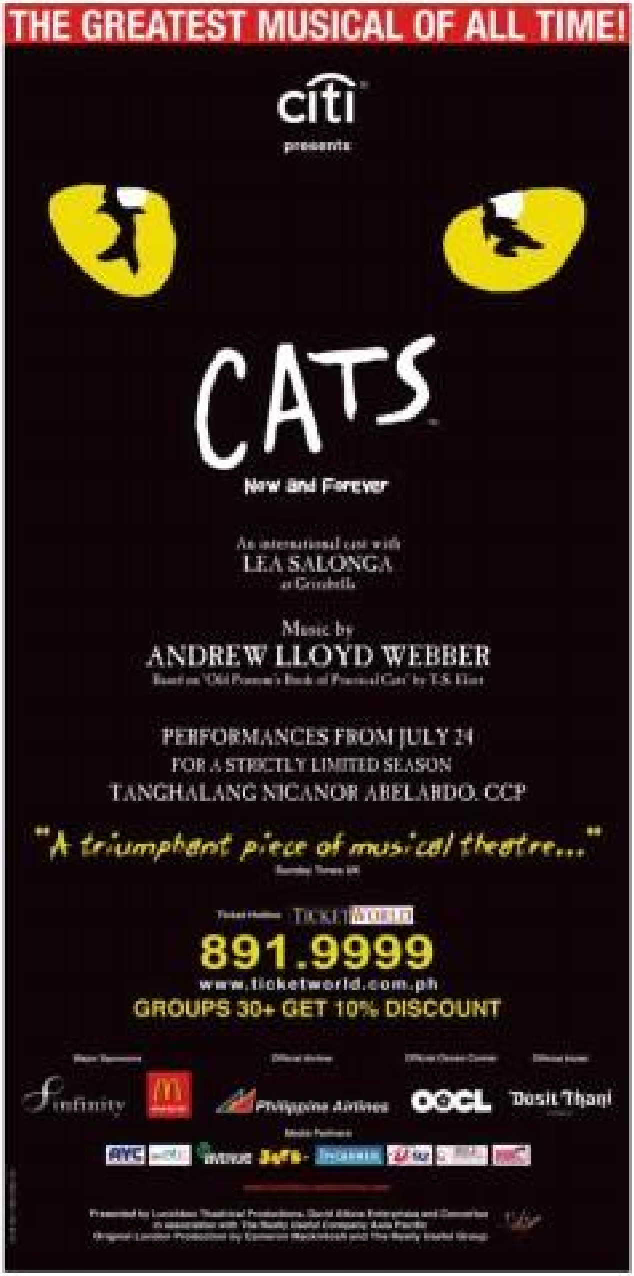

SAM Milby

HAPPY COUPLE Sam Milby, Samsung Corby phone endorser, recently gave GF Anne Curtis an iPod. Anne, Folded & Hung's A Series cover model, was thrilled. Everything's coming up roses!

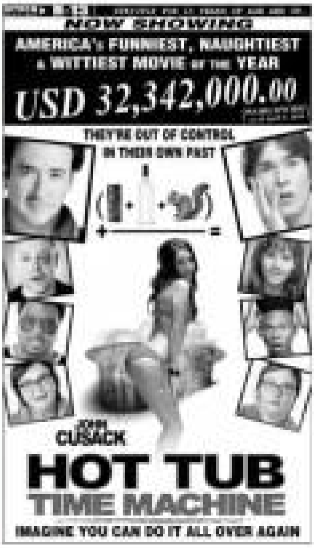


Jen Rosendahl, another beauty online

MY FACEBOOK PROFILE PICture was taken by my mom in Australia last year. We went on a three-day road trip from Melbourne to Sydney and stopped to take this photo because of the great view. I don't remember exactly where it is, but it looks like a painting. You have to zoom in to see my face, though. *Bayani/San Diego Jr.*







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For Mother Earth





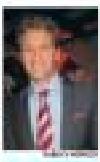


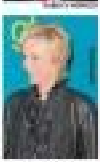
'Glee' party—we were there

Show creator tells Inquirer: Fil-Am actor back for 2 episodes

Only in Hollywood

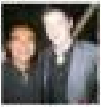








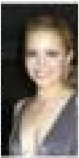
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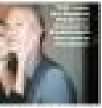


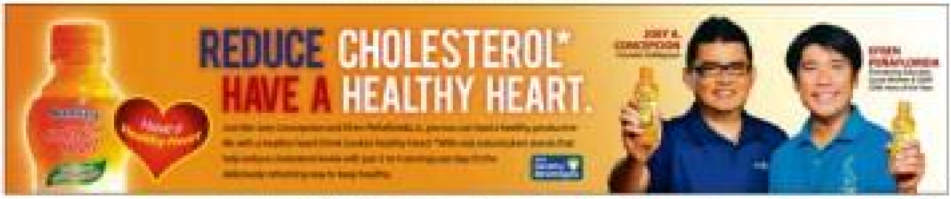












Double Earth Day gigs

SHOW TIME

GMA NETWORK PRESENTS "One Earth, One Journey: An Earth Day Concert" tonight at the SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City. The event features Kyla, Jay R, Mark Bautista, Rachel Ann Go, Cooky Chua, [illegible] and [illegible]. The show will be telecast April 18 on GMA 7.


RACHEL Ann Go

'Earth Day Jam 2010'

"Earth Day Jam 2010" happens on April 22 starting 4 p.m. along Tomas Morato Ave. Quezon City with [illegible].


'EXTREMELY Private' models

'Extremely Private'

"Extremely Private: Fashion Show and Party" goes onstage April 23, 9 p.m. at Hard Rock Cafe Makati, featuring lingerie collections by designers [illegible], with guest performers the Mocha Girls.

'His music spoke to me personally'

Curt Smith talks about Orzabal and Tears for Fears

By Pocholo Concepcion

TAKE FIVE

IF THE BRITISH DUO TEARS FOR FEARS owes much of its success to the songwriting skills of guitarist Roland Orzabal, due credit must likewise be given to bassist Curt Smith who sang the songs.

The group had released three commercially successful and critically acclaimed albums (1983's "The Hurting," 1985's "Songs from the Big Chair" and 1989's "Sowing the Seeds of Love") when Smith left and pursued a solo career.

Orzabal continued recording as Tears for Fears with other collaborators, but it seemed nothing beat the impact and influence of the work he produced with Smith as main partner.

In 2005 the duo reunited. A new album, "Everybody Loves a Happy Ending," was released three years later. The group is currently on tour.

News of Tears for Fears performing on May 2 at the Araneta Coliseum reportedly persuaded many fans here to buy tickets by the block—the concert apparently to serve as a happy reunion date for '80s-batch schoolmates.

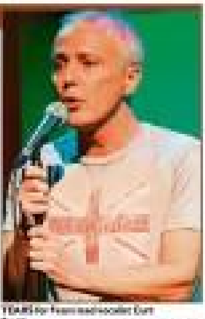
The Inquirer sought Smith recently for an e-mail chat:

You and Roland go a long way as childhood friends before forming your first band. While struggling in the early days, did you think you would someday become successful?

I don't think we imagined quite the level of success that we ended up achieving, but certainly we aspired for our music to be heard by a wide audience. Obviously, we were delighted when our first album was successful; it's fantastic when people appreciate your work.

You sang lead vocals on most of Tears for Fears' biggest hits. What did you like about Roland's songwriting?

Roland and I had similar upbringings—both middle sons of three boys, siblings also the same age. We both felt like misfits and had a shared passion for psychology. Consequently his music spoke to me quite personally.


TEARS for Fears lead vocalist Curt Smith

Why did you leave the band?

Two things converged. I wasn't happy with the way things were going, and I met the woman who would become my wife, who happened to live in New York. That made the decision to leave a bit easier, as I moved to America to be with her.

What kind of satisfaction did you get from your solo albums?

When you're part of any group, the ultimate product represents some amount of compromise. What's creatively rewarding about solo work is that I can be completely self-indulgent, and make the music I want to make.

What do you like most about getting back with Roland?

Roland and I find things much easier now, as we're older and more mature. It used to be that all we cared about was music; now we have families and they are more important to us.

What's the best song that Tears for Fears has ever made and why?

I would have to say "Sowing The Seeds Of Love," because it's (arguably) the most complete representation of what a Tears for Fears song could be, from writing, structure, to production.

What do you think of Adam Lambert's version of "Mad World" in "American Idol"?

I thought it was nearly as good as the original.☺

